Bi-weekly Dispensary at Poonjar.

340 *MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of patients who have attended the bi-weekly dispensary at Poonjar in the year 1120; and

(*b*) the distance from the bi-weekly dispensary to the nearest Government hospitals?

DR. S. JOHN (*a*): 8420, till the end of Mithunam 1120.

(*b*) The nearest Government Hospital is at Lalom which is eleven miles away.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know the total number of bi-weekly dispensaries in the State?

DR. S. JOHN: About a dozen.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know from the honourable member whether any one of them was converted into a full time dispensary during this year?

DR. S. JOHN: No.

Dispensary at Malayinkeezhu.

341 *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government Dispensary at Malayinkeezhu has been shifted to Karode;

(*b*) whether there is not a Government Dispensary at Peyadu near Karode; and

(*c*) the distance between Malayinkeezhu and Karode and that between Peyadu and Karode?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) It was ordered to be shifted to Karode but subsequently Government have sanctioned that dispensary being shifted back to Malayinkeezhu.

(*b*) Yes, there is a temporary malaria dispensary at Peyadu which is two to three miles south of Karode;

(*c*) Approximately three to four miles; and two to three miles.

Optician in the Ophthalmic Hospital, Trivandrum.

342. *MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is an Optician in the Ophthalmic Hospital, Trivandrum; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, what are the terms on which he is entertained?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A statement showing the conditions on which he has been engaged is laid on the table.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know from the honourable member when the appointment was made.

DR. S. JOHN: About four years ago.

MR. P. M. VARUGHESE: The appointment of an optician was made four years ago?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes.

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